



## Policy stretching and institutional layering: British food policy between security, safety, quality, health and climate change

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### Abstract:

period it has undergone enormous ideational and institutional change, mostly through periods of crisis. However, from a historical institutionalist perspective it is conspicuous that the establishment of new policies and institutions has not been complemented by the elimination of old ones. Therefore, while policy learning in response to policy failure has been important, paradigm shift does not fit well as an explanatory model. Rather, British food policy has evolved through processes of ideational and institutional stretching and layering. Concerns about food supply and high productivity have been overlaid with policies addressing food safety, the environment, quality foods, obesity and climate change. As a result, food is increasingly situated in multiple orders. These reside both in the political system and the food system, creating a hybrid institutional context. The resulting tensions in turn create opportunities for more new ideas and actors to move in, fuelled by a plurality of social constructions of food. Also, each new layer re-adjusts the power balance and necessitates re-interpretations of older policies. British Politics (2009) 4, 386-414. doi:10.1057/bp.2009.13

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### Resource Description

#### Communication:

resource focus on research or methods on how to communicate or frame issues on climate change; surveys of attitudes, knowledge, beliefs about climate change

A focus of content

#### Communication Audience:

audience to whom the resource is directed

Policymaker

#### Exposure :

weather or climate related pathway by which climate change affects health

Food/Water Security

**Food/Water Security:** Food Access/Distribution

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## **Geographic Feature:** ☒

resource focuses on specific type of geography

None or Unspecified

## **Geographic Location:** ☒

resource focuses on specific location

Non-United States

**Non-United States:** Europe

**European Region/Country:** European Country

**Other European Country :** United Kingdom

## **Health Impact:** ☒

specification of health effect or disease related to climate change exposure

Diabetes/Obesity, Malnutrition/Undernutrition

## **Mitigation/Adaptation:** ☒

mitigation or adaptation strategy is a focus of resource

Adaptation

**Population of Concern:** A focus of content

## **Population of Concern:** ☒

populations at particular risk or vulnerability to climate change impacts

Low Socioeconomic Status

## **Resource Type:** ☒

format or standard characteristic of resource

Policy/Opinion

## **Timescale:** ☒

time period studied

Time Scale Unspecified